

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-20, and 30 are pending, with Claims 1, 8-9, 13, 25, and 27 amended and Claims 3, 7, 24-27, 29, and 30-32 canceled by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 1-6, 10-12, 19 and 24-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dudley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,754,754, hereinafter Dudley) in view of Wu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,496,481, hereinafter Wu); and Claims 7-9, 13-18 and 20 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.


Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the telephone interview between the Examiner and Applicants' representative on May 30, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the Official Action included a typographical error, and that Claim 16 had been improperly indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Amended Claim 1 recites the allowable features of Claim 7 and intervening Claim 3.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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